

**AG SOCIETY TO STAGE CONTEST**

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 bility to fields, drainage, prevailing winds, water supply and the nature of the soil.  
 Although long lanes are usually considered as economic loss, it is very often advisable to put the farmstead in the center of the farm and connect it to the road by means of a lane. This place is approximately equidistant from all the fields and from the highway itself. The second thing to consider is the drainage. It is imperative that the land should slope from the house to the barn and where it is possible from the well toward the house, at least the well should be higher than the barn or barn lot. If the prevailing winds are from the north as we have them in this section of the country in the winter, it would not be a bad plan

to place the farmstead on a south slope thus affording as much protection from the weather as nature provides. The water supply probably ranks as the first consideration in the preliminary plans. A good well is one of the most valuable assets a farmer could have. It is the basis of sanitation for himself and the livestock on the farm. It is a good plan, in fact it is usually done, to dig the well before anything else has been done on the development of the layout. Nine times out of ten this will insure the water supply close to the house.

These things, in a general way, are the things to be considered in locating the farmstead with respect to the rest of the farm. It is quite another problem to locate and arrange the buildings with respect to each other after the site has been chosen. The foremost consideration, I believe, is convenience—convenience in doing chores, convenience for the stock and convenience for all the daily farm operations. It is estimated that the average farmer walks in the neighborhood of 300 miles a year in the simple operation of doing the morning chores. If you would tell him that it would be necessary for him to take a 200 mile trip during the next year and that he must walk all the way carrying milk, feed or harness he would declare that he never in the world could find time to do it. And yet hundreds of farmers are walking that much every year over and above the distance that would be necessary if their buildings were effectively and efficiently arranged.

The location of the farm dwelling is the key to the whole layout and should therefore receive first consideration. It should be placed on the high ground and as close to the well as possible. If the prevailing winds in the summer time are from the south or southeast, it is well to lo-

cate the stock barns, stock sheds and lots to the north, northwest or northeast of the dwelling, so as to carry off all offensive odors that might arise from this source. The barn should be in the neighborhood of 150 feet from the house. This cuts the distance down to a minimum and at the same time fire is not apt to travel from one building to another. All open sheds adjacent to the barn should open either to the south or east. The corner, grainary and implement sheds should be accessible to the fields. The hog lot should adjoin the cattle yard so as to facilitate the common practice of letting the hogs follow the cattle. The chicken house can be placed most anywhere but is a good plan to locate it close to the orchard. This latter can then be fenced in hen tight and used for a chicken run. A provision for trees, vines, shrubs, flowers, etc., adds the finishing touches to any arrangement and should therefore not be overlooked.

As was stated before these considerations are in lieu of ideal conditions and while it is absolutely essential that we have in mind ideal conditions from which to base and construct our plans, it is very seldom that they are encountered. More often the farmstead site has already been established and a few buildings erected. The Agricultural Engineer is asked to solve the problem of making this layout an efficiently arranged farmstead. It is indeed quite a problem. Its solution depends upon common sense, good judgment and a thorough knowledge of the particular existing conditions. If the farmstead site is to remain unchanged and a new building added from time to time, the ideal arrangement should be born in mind constantly and should be the ultimate goal. If a new barn or any other building is to be added to the farmstead, it would not be necessary to erect it in the position of the

old one but it should be so placed, with the idea in mind that when other new buildings are added later on, it will harmoniously perform its function with respect to these buildings.

In conclusion, I just wish to emphasize again the importance which is beginning to be felt throughout this farming region of this rather unheard of and unsponsored subject. I believe that the farmstead is the center of all farm activities, that it is the means to the application of scientific principles and shall I say, the very key to farming success so why not give it ranking consideration with the other farming questions.

—BEAT NOTRE DAME—

Lucacy may not be a cause for divorce, but at time we suspect that it is a cause for matrimony.

**MICKEY TALKS TO FROSH ENGINEERS**  
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pyramids of Egypt," said Professor Mickey. Civil engineering work includes highways, railways, marine works, heavy masonry, bridges, aqueducts, difficult foundations, irrigation and drainage, manufacturing plants, surveying, hydro-electric power plants, cranes and excavating machinery, and transportation facilities by sea, land and air. Among the noteworthy achievements of modern engineers are the Panama Canal, the Galveston sea walls, the Quebec bridge, irrigation of Imperial Valley, California, and the subways and tunnels under the Hudson at New York City. The water supply of New York City comes down from the Catskills in a tunnel 250 feet below the surface

of the earth—100 feet under solid rock—with enough force to send a stream as high as Woolworth tower. Professor Mickey then presented some statistics showing the startling increase of money expended upon motor vehicles for highway transportation over the money expended on highway maintenance and construction. Then a group of slides of the future state capitol were shown, and a number of slides showing irrigation projects such as the Roosevelt dam, which Professor said was the first one of importance.

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